Program: *Phytophthora ramorum* Date: March 7, 2005

Program Update (Corrected)

As of this past Friday, March 4, the APHIS *P. ramorum* website has a new address:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ispm/pramorum/

The change reflects our policy of not referring to the pest by the name Sudden Oak Death, which does not fully or accurately capture the scope of plants affected or the diseases caused by the pathogen. And, in response to concerns raised by the sod/turf grass industry. Visitors using the old address will get a message telling them of the new address. If their browser permits it, they will be automatically redirected to the new site or they can manually click on a provided link.

Correction: The original report that PPQ had confirmed that a *Photinia* x fraseri shipped from the large Los Angeles County nursery recently found positive for *P. ramorum* and collected from a garden center in Arizona is positive for *P. ramorum is INCORRECT.* To date, no photinia from the Los Angeles nursery has been found positive.

The California Department of Food and Agriculture reports that plants collected from five nurseries that received plants from the large Los Angeles County production nursery have tested positive for *P. ramorum*. The plants are all *Camellia japonica* or *C. sasanqua*. The two wholesale and three retail outlets are in Southern California. CDFA is applying the Confirmed Nursery Protocol at these sites.

As of Thursday March 3, 2005, CDFA reported that it had completed its delimitation and perimeter surveys of Monrovia Azusa by February 4, 2005. Water, soil, and potting media samples were collected on February 9th. Diagnostic results from the delimiting samples are pending. All plants in the infected block were destroyed on February 18, 2005.

According to CDFA, Monrovia resumed shipping non-host plants from outside the destruction block and buffer areas on February 4, 2005. Host and associated host plants, to the genera level, are still being held and will not be released until all test results are reported.